

# La Mesa Water Cooperative

## WaterGram – April 2019

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### Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:00 AM  
(Refreshments at 9:30 AM)  
Placitas Community Library

### Ballot

Ballots, with votes for board members and budget, will be counted at the Annual Meeting. If you do not plan to attend, please mail in your ballot. Our Bylaws require that that we have an approved budget each year, so each vote is critical.

### Water Quality Report

The 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (also known as the Consumer Confidence Report, CCR) is available on the Cooperative website ([lamesawatercoop.org](http://lamesawatercoop.org)). We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

### Well #3 Arsenic Treatment

The project to add an arsenic treatment facility at well #3 (64 Camino Manzano) is proceeding. Our engineers, Wilson & Company, are designing the treatment process and equipment layout inside the planned building. Once that is fairly complete, their architects will produce some alternative designs for the building exterior. We will share those alternatives with the community and work to get a consensus on how it should look and fit into the neighborhood.

We are planning for the Cooperative to purchase part of the existing lot, between Camino Manzano and the arroyo. This needs to be approved by Sandoval County. We expect that the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a hearing on this at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 28, 2019. We will distribute details as soon as that date is confirmed.

### Watering Season

Yet another certainty in life is that every irrigation system will have some problems – critter chews, broken tubing, cracked fittings, etc. So, it's important when you start watering to walk around, looking and listening for what Albuquerque calls "fugitive water".

With EyeOnWater, you can see your water use, down to the hour, to verify that your irrigation controller is running when and how long you intend. It's easy to make a mistake and set to run every day instead of, say three times a week, or even run several times each day.

### Hose Bib Timers

If you regularly use a garden hose to water, you may want to add a timer to your hose bib. There are simple and inexpensive mechanical and more elaborate electronic timers that can help prevent a major problem and significant water bill. We have seen a number of cases where a hose was inadvertently left running for many days.

### Monitor Water Use

The Member Handbook (on the Cooperative website, [lamesawatercoop.org](http://lamesawatercoop.org)) explains how you can see your water use on a daily and even hourly basis using a service called EyeOnWater. With this, you can detect a problem in a day or two, rather than experience sticker shock when you get an unusually large water bill at the end of the month. There is not any charge to use EyeOnWater.

If you don't want to use a computer or smart phone, maybe you can enlist a family member or friend to monitor water use for you. They don't have to be in Placitas or even New Mexico.

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